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Vermont's hunting tragedies have begun ahead of time. Spare that hunter!

A good deal of baiting may mean a real naval battle between the Germans and the British before long.

Having felt the mailed fist of Germany, Italy may expect to hear the cooing of the dove of peace borne by that same hand.

The German official reference to the capture of "North Americans" on the French war front might mean soldiers of the United States or Canada, but presumably it has reference to the former.

Americans are rather sorry that Von Bernstorff wasn't made German chancellor, not because they have any faith in Von Bernstorff but because they know just about what he is capable of doing in the line of trickery.

We should think that all Germans in public position in the United States, who are out of sympathy with the United States, would resign just as Dr. Karl Muck of the Boston Symphony orchestra has done. The country won't go to the dogs right off, if they do.

On the campaign of Governor McCall of Massachusetts to get a second re-election depends somewhat the movement to give Governor Graham of Vermont a first re-election, because it will show, in a measure, the state of mind of the voters of the nation as a whole.

Windsor county has thus far outstripped the other counties of Vermont in the food pledge campaign, thus making up in large part for its slowness in filling its draft quota. One of the surprises in the campaign thus far has been the backwardness of Washington county in reporting anywhere near its minimum number of pledges. However, it may be expected that the county will come into its own when all the reports from the various towns are received.

**RUSSIAN CAMOUFLAGE PERHAPS.**

The apparently frank statement of Premier Kerensky of Russia that his nation is so war-worn as to be out of the war temporarily may have been made with some hidden intention, and it would be well to bear Russia in mind all the time when contemplating the progress of the war. Russia has heretofore shown remarkable recuperative powers after her armies have been pounded into defeat, and it is barely possible that Russia will be able to recover from the deadening effects of the internal discord which has been raging for many months. In fact, it would not be at all surprising if the Kerensky government were already getting some semblance of order and progress in the badly torn nation. The fact that the Russian fleet was able to escape from the net which the German fleet seemed to have drawn about it and the fact that a Russian army is following on the heels of the retreating Germans in the Riga region are indications that everything is not lost in Russia at the present time and that there may even be a returning national consciousness. There is some suspicion that Premier Kerensky's statement was a form of camouflage concealing some interesting developments.

**GERMANY LOSES INDUSTRIALLY.**

The action of the United States government in releasing the patents and copyrights held by Germans is likely to prove one of the most damaging blows which will be delivered against Germany during the whole war. The effects of the blow will not be felt so much, perhaps, during the progress of the hostilities as it will in the years to follow immediately after the war. It is a well

known fact that German science had advanced to such an extent that certain inventions and discoveries were known only to German scientists; and many of these secrets were locked up in the patent and copyright of the United States government so that the inventions and discoveries could be put to use in the United States by German concerns. These secrets were closely kept so long as the two countries were at peace, but with the outbreak of war between them the obligation of secrecy was broken. Now these German secrets of commerce and industry are laid bare for adoption by American manufacturers and can be put into use by our own people. It is probable that like action will be taken by Germany if it already has not been done; but the prospects are that we shall suffer little in comparison with Germany because American industry and commerce have never been exploited to such an extent in Germany as German industry and commerce have been exploited in the United States.

**HOW GERMANY IS MAKING WAR ON US.**

That the U. S. S. Finland did not go the way of the Antilles is a matter for rejoicing throughout the whole country; and the saving of the ship with all its human freight is in itself cause enough for giving thanks at that festival which is to come at the latter end of the present month. The occurrence reminds us Americans, however, that Germany is doing everything possible to cripple the war preparations of the United States, its efforts being confined largely at present to torpedoing ships, burning steamer piers in the United States, blowing up munitions plants and fomenting some of the strikes which are, and have been, endangering the rapid progress of getting the country ready for war. Germany is as much at war with the United States as it is possible for her to be under the peculiar circumstances in which she finds herself, with her armies all tied up in operations in Europe, with her fleet held in check by the combined allied navies and with nothing but her submarines in position to do damage at sea and with nothing but spies and American traitors on American soil capable of doing damage to us. It must be admitted, however, that the submarines and the spies and the American traitors are doing their part with such desperation that the Finlands, the steamer piers, the munitions plants and the industrial life of the country must be protected in so far as possible. Especially must the United States transports carrying their hundreds and thousands of American soldiers be safeguarded in every manner. If the American soldiers are to give their lives in this struggle let us make it possible for them to die fighting and to deal the death blow at German autocracy at the same time.

**WILLIAMSTOWN**

Mrs. C. U. Silvrigh and grandson, Ellison Brockway, spent the week end with relatives in Montpelier.

The detailed cattle train at Sharon last week made it impossible for the students of Brigham academy to make connections for their station, East Fairfield, so Francis Irons stayed over a day with his brother, Gillam, at Montpelier seminary, while Ruth and Richard Martin visited at James J. Kanaly's in Montpelier.

A good crop of potatoes is reported from the farm of M. J. McLean on Baptist street, three acres yielding 730 bushels, all told, with but a small percentage of small and imperfect ones. There were some ledges in the field, which lessened its area, and but for this it is thought the record would have reached 250 bushels to the acre.

Miss Nellie Tillotson, who has been for several years a teacher in West Berlin, spent Saturday and Sunday with her father in their new home in Mrs. Annie Randall's house on South Main street.

At the close of their entertainment at grange hall last Wednesday evening, the Pastime Amusement company of Chelsea announced that the bad roads of November made it uncertain whether they would be able to give any more entertainments in town this season, but that they would be back again in the spring. The company have presented several good photoplays here in the past few months, the last one, "The Old Homestead," made famous by Denman Thompson, being perhaps the best. Mrs. Blanche Poor played the piano accompaniment for this and also sang three selections, which were well received by the audience. William Davenport of New Bedford, Mass., was in town last week as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Laura D. Walker. Mr. Davenport has some of the inventive genius that made his uncle,

Thomas Davenport, famous, and has invented several articles, the most noted being a lathe for metals, which is now having a good sale.

Miss Mildred Dutton, in her talk to the women of this town in firemen's hall last Friday afternoon, outlined some plans she has for work that can be done in the furtherance of the ideas of the food department regarding conservation.

Two former townsmen, Richard Seeley and his brother-in-law, John Geake, who are living on the Wilson farm in Barre this year, have bought the farm, stock and tools at the Huntington place, North Randolph, and a sale at auction of the stock and tools takes place on the premises, to-day (Monday).

Isaac W. Brown, formerly of Massachusetts and a resident of this town for many years, died at the home of his son, George, at Lynn, Mass., on Nov. 1. He was for a time the proprietor of the Gulf Spring house and for several years past had made his home with the late H. H. Martin and after his death with his son, Dean Martin. He had not been in good health for some time and about five weeks ago went to Barre for medical advice and treatment. Not improving, his son, George, came for him and took him to his home in Lynn, where his death occurred as above stated. In an item in Saturday's Times he was by error mentioned as Arthur W. Brown.

Halloween night passed quietly with very little damage to property or people's feelings. A few doorsteps were overturned and light articles found in strange places on the following morning. Some of the young folks found pleasure in making in peculiar costume and then marching about the street.

Mrs. Roxalana Jockow of Stowe is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. R. Martin, and other relatives in town.

Edwin C. Smith has been confined to the house for the past three weeks with rheumatism but is now improving.

Mr. Rogers of Barre was in town the 3d with a piano which he placed in position in the Tillotson tenement on the second floor in Mrs. Randall's house. Quite a pile of Christmas trees have been cut in the southern part of the town and drawn to the station, where they are piled up ready for shipping.

An auto party from Stowe was in town yesterday on their way to Northfield, where they called on Walter Mor-

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